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SUBJECT: TDY FOR PAO SABBAGH

1. UNDERSTAND FROM STOCKHOLM THAT JIDDA PAO ISA SABBAGH AND FAMILY ARRIVING BEIRUT TODAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, AT 1830 VIA FLIGHT PA-2, AND BOOKED AT PHOENICIA HOTEL.

2. PLEASE CONTACT SABBAGH URGENTLY AND GIVE HIM FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DEP ASST SEC SAUNDERS: QTE YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM PRESS POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY MAY TRAVEL TO MIDDLE EAST IN NEAR FUTURE. SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEING AVAILABLE TO ASSIST HIM IN DAMASCUS AND SAUDI ARABIA IF SHUTTLE NOW BEING CONSIDERED MATERIALIZES. SCHEDULE BEING PROPOSED WOULD PLACE DAMASCUS STOP ABOUT ONE WEEK FROM NOW, CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH JIDDA A BIT LATER, BUT DATES NOT YET FIRM. COULD YOU

PLEASE HOLD YOURSELF AVAILABLE IN BEIRUT FOR NEXT FEW DAYS
UNTIL WE CAN SEND YOU DEFINITE WORD THROUGH EMBASSY BEIRUT.
I KNOW YOU WILL APPRECIATE NEED TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION
TO YOURSELF UNTIL PLANS ARE FIRM AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE. END
QTE.

3. WE WILL FORWARD TDY ORDERS AS SOON AS TRIP IS FIRM. SISCO

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